Encroachments on Kozhitodu Canal.

111. ✱ **MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what actions or steps they have taken to protect the Kozhitodu Canal from the encroachments of the people in the neighbourhood to lessen the width of the above canal which has resulted in want of sufficient room to drain away the waters of the *punchas* of the Aranmula *pakuthi* in response to the queries I have made in the last sessions of this Assembly;

(*b*) what action has been taken by the Land Revenue Department to prevent such encroachments;

(*c*) if they have taken any action as required in part (*b*), how many encroachment cases have been taken by them;

(*d*) what steps have been taken in the matter to make the canal wider and deeper and to take upon themselves the responsibility of protecting the canal from such encroachments;

(*e*) whether the Irrigation Department has prepared and forwarded to them any estimate in connection with the above; and

(*f*) if so, when they have done it and what is the nature of the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Action was taken against the encroachers under the provisions of the Land Conservancy Regulation and the encroachments evicted.

(*b*) The Revenue subordinates detect encroachments whenever they occur.

(*c*) Two encroachment cases were taken.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer has received an estimate for widening and deepening the *todu*.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) On 28-8-'36. It is proposed to grade and deepen the *todu* where it is narrow and silted up, to construct masonry cross-bar with necessary side walls and to provide D. R. pitching and flooring wherever necessary.

Maintenance of roads.

112. ✱ **MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the most unsatisfactory condition of the following roads:—

(i) the Trivandrum-Kattakada road *via* Malayinkil;

(ii) the Nalukettu-Tirupuram road;

(iii) the Nemom-Oorutampalam road; and

(*b*) the maintenance grant for each of these roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) They are in good condition, except the portion from Kundankadavu to the 6th mile Kottoor road, a length of 4 miles of the Trivandrum—Kattakada road.

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